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SUBJ: PMAC CONDEMNS SABOTAGE IN ERITREA

1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF JANUARY 11 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PMAC CONDEMNING ACTS OF SABORTAGE AND TERROR IN ERITREA WHICH WERE COMMITTED BY "A HANDFUL OF IRRESPONSIBLE INSURGENTS." PMAC SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY STATED THAT GOVERNMENT HAD SPARED NO EFFORTS IN EXPLAINING HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT LED TO PRESENT SITUATION IN ERITREA, POINTING OUT THAT ERITREA AND ALL THE REST OF ETHIOPIA WERE VICTIMS OF OPPRESSIVE RULE OF FORMER FEUDAL REGIME RECENTLY CRUSHED BY PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE COUNTRY.

2. SPOKESMAN ALSO DEPLORED LACK OF GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING ON PART OF SOME ELEMENTS WHICH ATTEMPTING TO OBSTRUCT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN REGION. SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT "REBELS" ARE COMMITTING ACTS OF SABOTAGE AND TERROR IN NAME OF ERITREAN
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PEOPLE ONLY TO PROMOTE THEIR OWN SELFISH INTERESTS AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ERITREAN PEOPLE.

3. SPOKESMAN DEPLORED SABOTAGE WHICH WAS COMMITTED AT A TIME WHEN NATION WAS "DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE COMMON PROBLEM". HE SAID, "NO OFFENSE IS MORE SERIOUS THAN TO TURN DOWN A HAND THAT IS BEING STRETCHED IN SEARCH OF PEACE."

4. SPOKESMAN CONDEMNED THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE "MISLED BY FOREIGN HANDS TO ENGAGE IN FEUDAL ACTS OF SABOTAGE INSTEAD OF CONTRIBUTING POSITIVELY TO THE TASK OF NATION BUILDING."
COMMENT: IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT FIRST "DIRG" PEACE EFFORTS SINCE DEATH OF AMAN MAKE HEADLINES IN ADDIS ABABA, AND SECONDLY THAT ELF/PLF REFERRED TO AS "INSURGENTS" AND "REBELS" RATHER THAN "BANDITS" AS FORMERLY.

5. VICE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF ERITREA FIT. TESFALIDET GHERED AND NORTHERN "DIRG" REP GETACHEW WOLDE TSADIK ALSO EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER USIS BOMBING TO PAO ARTHUR LEWIS DURING LATTER'S JUST CONCLUDED VISIT TO ASMARA.
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